during the year, 3,19,100 new farmers will be brought under institutional credit in Karnataka.

Artisan credit card scheme in Karnataka

1960. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NABARD had set a target of enrolling 50,000 artisans under the Artisan credit Scheme last year in Karnataka;

(b) if so, how many artisans in Karnataka were benefited during the last year;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to enroll more artisans under the above scheme in Karnataka; and

(d) what is the target fixed under the above scheme for Karnataka during the year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Review of customs and excise duty structure

1961. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the existing customs and excise duty structure of crude and petro products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) its impact on consumers oil companies and Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) After the presentation of the budget on 8.7.2004, certain changes have been made in duty rates on 18.8.2004 and 30.9.2004. There has been no change in the rate of basic customs duty on crude petroleum.

(b) The requisite details are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) Changes made in customs and excise duties on petroleum products on 18th August, 2004 and 30th September, 2004 are estimated to result in a revenue loss of Rs. 2520 crores for the remaining part of the financial years. As regards the impact of changes on consumers and oil companies as per the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, benefits of customs and excise duty reductions have been appropriately passed on to the consumers by the oil companies.

Statement

Changes made in customs and excise duties on petroleum products

Description of goods	Changes made on 18.8.2004				Changes made on 30.09.2004	
	Central Exicse		Customs		Customs	
	From	To	From	To	From	To
Petrol	26%	23%	20%	15%	—	—
Diesel	11%	8%	20%	15%	—	—
LPG	—	—	10%	5%	—	—
Kerosene for Public Distribution System	16%	12%	10%	5%	—	—
Naphtha for manufacture of Specified polymers	—	—	—	—	10%	5%

Sickness in Industry Sector

1962. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sickness ratio in the industry is very high due to N.P.A.;

(b) whether Government have gone into this to know the reasons for such a high sickness rate in the industry;

(c) whether it is also a fact that change in the internal market scenario